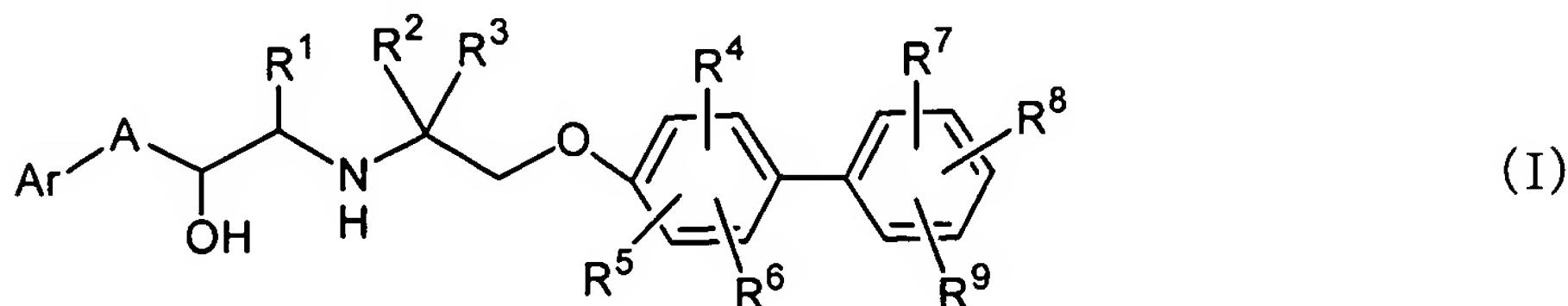


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides compounds represented by general formula (I) :



a prodrug thereof, or pharmaceutical acceptable salts thereof,
 5 wherein R¹ is hydrogen or lower alkyl; each of R² and R³ is independently hydrogen or lower alkyl; each of R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ is independently hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy; R⁷ is hydrogen or lower alkyl; R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, etc; R⁹ is -COR¹⁰, -A¹-COR¹⁰, -O-A²-COR¹⁰, etc; Ar is optionally substituted phenyl or heteroaryl; and A is a bond, -OCH₂-, etc, which exhibit potent and selective β₃-adrenoceptor stimulating activities. The present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions containing said compound, and uses thereof.